

No protection for May paychecks

Board refuses to change GTF tax status

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The deadline probably will pass without the Oregon State Board of Higher Education reversing its decision on withholding tuition waiver tax from graduate teaching fellows' May paychecks, said Virginia Boushey, assistant vice chancellor.

Boushey's prediction came Sunday evening after she heard State System Vice Chancellor Bill Lemman give a report on the GTF tax situation at the State Board meeting Friday in Klamath Falls.

"The report said that there was withholding, and that we were among the minority of states that were withholding," Boushey said. "And Bill Lemman reported to the board that reversing our decision was not without risk because of the fact that the Internal Revenue Service knows they are getting the money from us."

"Since the law technically says that we must still withhold, we feel that there is some risk of penalty. We don't know quite how to evaluate that risk, but no decision was made to stop withholding," Boushey said.

The absolute latest deadline to change the withholdings on GTF paychecks is probably the end of this week, said Ralph Sunderland, director of the University Office of Management and Budget.

Lemman and State System Chancellor William Davis are currently out of town. Lemman will be away until June 3 on a business trip to China. Davis is scheduled to return Friday.

University President Paul Olum attended the Friday board meeting to give a report encouraging the board to reverse the withholding decision because recent congressional tax bills that have included the tuition waiver exemption.

The board failed to reverse the decision, but passed a motion expressing confidence in what the State System officials did, Olum said. The motion supported the loan funds that State System officials had sought from various sources to help alleviate the GTFs' financial dilemmas. It also gave State System officials permission to make any future decisions, he said.

The State System staff's failure to reverse the withholding decision deflated some

hopes of University GTFs, said Scott Kerlin from the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation union local.

An indication from Lemman's office last Tuesday told GTFs to expect a decision within 36 hours about whether the decision could be reversed in light of the recent congressional action. Those 36 hours passed without action, however, in part because a drafted copy of the Senate Finance Committee tax bill was not yet available, Boushey said.

At a meeting last Wednesday afternoon, representatives of the GTF union and State System Personnel Administrator Joe Sicutair labor practice grievance against the State System. Sicutair asked the GTF union not to take action at that time because he believed the situation would be fundamentally different by Monday, said Chuck Hunt, local GTF president.

Another meeting for the GTF union to discuss the unfair labor grievance is scheduled this week.

"We clearly feel that we want them to revise the salary given to GTFs," Kerlin said.

Bill to aid Salvadoran refugees discussed

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A leading immigration and refugee rights expert from the American Civil Liberties Union said there is a strong possibility the DeConcini-Moakley bill will come to a vote in the present legislative session.

Wade Henderson, associate director of the ACLU's Washington D.C. office, spoke

at an intimate gathering of interested students in Room 109 EMU Monday evening.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., and Rep. Joe Moakley, D-Mass., and proposes to temporarily suspend the deportation of Salvadoran refugees for 18 months while a study is commissioned to answer three questions about the plight of

Salvadoran refugees.

The first question to be answered concerns the fate of Salvadoran refugees who are deported to El Salvador. For example, do they automatically join the ranks of civilian casualties in El Salvador's civil war? Henderson asked.

The second question to be addressed concerns the policy options in El Salvador that would better protect the refugees. Obviously, it's more desirable to solve the problem at its source and keep the refugees close to home if at all possible, Henderson said.

The final question the study would address concerns the options for protecting refugees in countries bordering El Salvador. The reasons are the same; It's better to keep the refugees close to their homes, if possible, he said.

"The current dilemma facing the bill is that as long as we have significant numbers of refugees, it contributes to the concept that the illegal alien problem in the U.S. is out of control," Henderson said.

Other obstacles facing the bill include the acclimation of Salvadoran refugees in the United States, and the temptation for Latin Americans to migrate to the United States

because of the higher quality of life available here, he said.

Also, the extreme diversity of interest groups is a factor. Labor unions, for example, don't want refugees here because they supposedly take jobs from union members. But chambers of commerce want the legislation passed so business owners won't have to worry about prosecution for hiring aliens who aren't qualified for employment in this country, Henderson said.

In addition, the laws affect churches involved in the sanctuary movement, which aids illegal refugees. The recent federal government prosecution of sanctuary backers in Phoenix, Ariz., led to widespread growth in support for the movement, Henderson said.

"Since the prosecution, the number of churches involved with sanctuary has doubled, and the press and public education on the situation of Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees has increased," he said. "It's a sort of perverse benefit of the prosecutions."

Henderson said he and other supporters hope to get the bill passed within two months. Meanwhile, he said, the sanctuary movement continues to grow.



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